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### NEWS RELEASE



**Christine M. Durham**  
Chief Justice, Utah Supreme Court

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### JUDGES ELECTED TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL

**Salt Lake City, Utah**—Chief Justice Christine M. Durham has announced the election of the following judges to a three-year term on the Utah Judicial Council: Third District Court Judge William Barrett, Fifth District Court Judge Rand Beacham, and Uintah County Justice Court Judge Jody Petry. The judges replace Judge D.A. Dever, Judge K.L. McIff, and Judge Clair Poulson, whose terms on the council expired.

The 14-member Judicial Council is the governing body for the Judicial Branch. Chief Justice Durham serves as chair of the council. The council is comprised of representatives from each court level who are elected by their peers. The council sets court policies and rules of judicial administration, oversees the courts budget, and oversees the administration of the court system.

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